

Wineman was promoted to payroll supervisor. Four years later, in August, 1980, he was promoted to the position of assistant financial clerk. On May 1, 1998, he became the Financial Clerk of the U.S. Senate Disbursing Office, that is, the Senate's Financial Officer.

His has been an extraordinary career, during which he has earned the praise of those who work under and with him in the Disbursing Office, and the respect of other Senate staffers and Members of this Chamber. During his service in Senate financial leadership positions for the past two decades, Mr. Wineman has overseen the technological renovation of the Senate's financial affairs and has had a hand both in the Senate budget process and the Senate appropriation's process. And he proved himself to be an invaluable resource to Senate leadership on both sides of the aisle. He will be missed and will be very difficult to replace.

I want to congratulate and thank Mr. Wineman for his extraordinary dedication to the work and traditions of the Senate. And I want extend to him and Pat, his wife of 36 years, my fondest wishes, and ask the Lord's blessings as they embark upon this new phase of their lives.

I understand that after relaxing and enjoying a stress-free environment for the next 6 months, Tim plans to spend his retirement playing golf and traveling. I urge him to do it. He deserves it. He has earned it.

"IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE"

It makes no difference who sang the song,
If only the song was sung;
It makes no difference who did the deed,
Be they old in years or young;

If the song was sweet and helped a soul,
What matters the singer's name?
The worth was in the song itself,
And not in the world's acclaim.

The song and the deed are one,
If each be done for love;
Love of the work, not love of self,
And the "score" is kept above.
It makes no difference who did the deed,
Be they old in years or young;

If the song was sweet and helped a soul,
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—Author Unknown.

THE PASSING OF COLONEL CLARENCE LEE TURNIPSEED, JR.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, last month, COL Clarence Lee Turnipseed, Jr., passed away. He was the father of my good friend, and one of the Senate's best and most indispensable workers, Mrs. Dot Svendsen, who works in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate. With the death of Colonel Turnipseed, the State of Alabama has lost an outstanding citizen and our Nation has lost a true patriot.

Born September 18, 1914, in Union Springs, AL, Clarence Turnipseed grad-

uated from Auburn University in 1935. That same year he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and began a remarkable and important military career. During World War II, he served as a battery commander and battalion staff officer of the 42nd Field Artillery Battalion of the Fourth Infantry. On June 6, 1944, Captain Turnipseed participated in the momentous D-Day landing on Utah Beach in Normandy. A few months later, he participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was eventually promoted to the rank of colonel, served as commander of the 87th Maneuver Area Detachment in Birmingham, AL, and was an instructor at the Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, KS.

A grateful Nation recognized Colonel Turnipseed's long and productive military career by presenting him with a number of awards and honors. Those included the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, the American Campaign Medal, and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

Colonel Turnipseed also had an important and productive civilian career in banking and business. He worked in a number of banks and financial institutions in Alabama. In 1968, he became president and chief executive officer of the First National Bank in Brewton. He eventually held a number of offices in the Alabama and American Bankers Associations, including president of the Alabama Bankers Association and vice president of the American Bankers Association. In 1973, he became director of the Birmingham Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank in Atlanta, and 3 years later was named Alabama's Small Business Advocate.

I extend Erma's and my most heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Svendsen and to her brother, Clarence Lee, and to her sisters, Rebecca and Margaret.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, on July 30 and 31, the First Christian Church of Weirton, WV celebrated its 175th anniversary. I wish to take a few minutes of the Senate's time to extend to this house of worship, which came into existence in 1830, 33 years before West Virginia was even a State, my belated but sincere and heartfelt congratulations.

For 175 years, the First Christian Church of Weirton has served our Lord and ministered to the needs of the region by providing comfort and support to those in need. It has provided aid and assistance to unemployed steel workers, to flood victims, and to those in need. It has provided a place of faith and hope for all.

I regret that I was not able to participate in what I am sure was a most glorious celebration, but I do want to recognize and thank the First Christian Church of Weirton for its wonder-

ful service to our Lord, and to our beloved State.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2005

Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to speak about the need for hate crimes legislation. Each Congress, Senator KENNEDY and I introduce hate crimes legislation that would add new categories to current hate crimes law, sending a signal that violence of any kind is unacceptable in our society. Likewise, each Congress I have come to the floor to highlight a separate hate crime that has occurred in our country.

On August 18, 2003, in Washington, DC, Elvív Augusto Perez Morales who lived and dressed as a woman, was allegedly killed. According to police, he was allegedly killed by Antonie Jacobs who had paid for sex under the impression he was dealing with a woman. Upon learning that the prostitute was really a man, the customer returned and allegedly shot the prostitute.

I believe that the Government's first duty is to defend its citizens, to defend them against the harms that come out of hate. The Local Law Enforcement Enhancement Act is a symbol that can become substance. I believe that by passing this legislation and changing current law, we can change hearts and minds as well.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT, S. 1197

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased that the full Senate has finally taken up, considered and passed the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, S. 1197, bipartisan legislation that will further our goal of ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The enactment of the Violence Against Women Act over a decade ago marked an important national commitment to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. I am proud to join Senators BIDEN, HATCH, SPECTER, and others as an original cosponsor of this important measure, which currently has 58 cosponsors in total. I want to especially recognize Senator BIDEN for his commitment to ending violence against women and children.

Earlier in my career as a prosecutor in Vermont, I witnessed the devastating effects of domestic violence. Violence and abuse affect people of all walks of life every day and regardless of gender, race, culture, age, class or sexuality. Such violence is a crime and it is always wrong, whether the abuser is a family member, someone the victim is dating, a current or past spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend, an acquaintance or a stranger.

The National Crime Victimization Survey estimates there were 691,710 nonfatal, violent incidents committed against victims by current and former spouses, boyfriends or girlfriends—also